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STEVE SCHIFF AUDITORIUM

JULY 29, 1998.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1978]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (S. 1978) to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of S. 1978 is to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED

This legislation honors Congressman Steven H. Schiff who represented the First District of New Mexico. On March 25, 1998, Congressman Schiff passed away.

This legislation honors Congressman Schiff by designating a special auditorium at the Sandia National Laboratories as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium.” Congressman Schiff spoke in this Auditorium on several occasions as part of his long service to the people of New Mexico. Accordingly, it is appropriate and fitting to rename this auditorium after Congressman Schiff.

Congressman Schiff exemplified all that was good about public service: integrity of the highest order, deep and fundamental decency, and an acute and open mind. He went about his business quietly, but with wonderful efficiency. He was great at telling sto-

ries, usually about himself. He was a model for all politicians to admire.

Congressman Schiff came to New Mexico from Chicago, where he was born and raised. He served the people of New Mexico in different capacities since 1972, when he graduated from the Law School at the University of New Mexico. Before election to Congress in 1988, he served as District Attorney for eight years.

One of Congressman Schiff's favorite local programs was his Tree Give-Away Program. For eight years, Congressman Schiff held a Saturday tree give-away day at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. He gave away more than 115,000 trees. Through those trees, he shared his own hope, faith, and love. Those trees now flourish throughout the Albuquerque area in New Mexico as lasting symbols of this man. In a similar way, his legislative achievements continue to serve the American people as another reminder of this great American.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 1978 was introduced on April 23, 1998 by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on July 29, 1998, by a unanimous voice vote with a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass the bill without amendment.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of costs of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 29, 1998.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1978, a bill to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium."

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Kim Cawley.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

S. 1978—A bill to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium"

S. 1978 would designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the Steve Schiff Auditorium. CBO estimates that enacting this

bill would have no significant cost to the federal government. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1978 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact is Kim Cawley. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out this measure.

The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the provisions of the bill. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of this measure.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by S. 1978, as ordered reported.

